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Why should I come to the Neighborhood Board Meeting?

John M Gollner II

NB 8 Vice Chair / Outreach Committee Chair

Serena Kyi-Yim

NB 8 Treasurer

Aloha everyone!

Proud to be a McCully-Moiliili resident? Show your pride by coming to our monthly Neighborhood Board Meeting, which meets at 7-9 pm on the first Thursday of every month at King Lunalilo Elementary School in the Cafeteria (entrance/parking on Hauoli St.). If you have come to your Neighborhood Board meeting in the past, we have many dynamic new faces, and we would love to see you there! The Neighborhood Board serves as an advisory board, with members serving the community for two-year terms. The Neighborhood Board is also a “one-stop shop” to come and address any and all compliments or concerns you have in the community in which we live.

Here are some reasons to come and join us: As the meeting first begins you will hear from and then

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1st Row (L-R): Clifton Takamura, Serena Kyi-Yim, Les Hata, Stephanie Visaya Bose

2nd Row: Michael Taleff, Linda Dela Cruz, Ron Lockwood

3rd Row: Gordon Furuto, Scott Cheever, Elaine Akau

4th Row: John Gollner II, Albert Furuto

Not Pictured: Betty Lou Larsen, Shaunna Tabor, Rodney Evans, and Deepak Neupane, Eliza Talbot

Message from the Chair

Ron Lockwood

NB 8 Chair

Potholes, homeless, noise from bar patrons, illegal parking, drugs, flooded streets, and graffiti. It is an interesting job being a member of the McCully-Mo'ili'ili Board. It is an honor to serve as your chair. Seventeen members strong, we are an “advisory” group for the City & County of Honolulu, representing the 23,000 residents from Kay's Place to Kalakaua Avenue and from the H-1 Freeway to the Ala Wai Canal. Our board has fluctuated from 11 to 16 members. Members have moved, gained new jobs and suffered family emergencies. The McCully Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board also lost part of its family, as long time board member Kekoa Ka'apu passed on.

If we have learned anything over our years of service to the community, it is that issues need to be followed for years, and followed up upon monthly. Let me share with you some of our long in coming successes:

KALO PLACE MINI PARK. This passive, quiet place to eat and play is located in the old Gas Ball site. The grass is growing, the rules are in place, and the

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Why Come.....(cont. from page 1)

have a chance to address and pose questions to our Firefighters and Police Officers who serve this great community. Next, you will hear about ongoing and upcoming events with representatives from the University of Hawai'i and the Board of Water Supply, followed by Representatives of the Mayor, Governor, and our City Councilmember. Then, get to know some or all of our Senators and Representatives from McCully/Moiliili while they provide their report, again with an opportunity for you to offer questions and give them your input. **NOTE:** The Mayor and the Governor send a representative from their office to every meeting; our Councilmember and Legislators often attend the meeting themselves (depending on their schedules), providing them an opportunity to hear your questions face-to-face. Whenever they cannot be there personally, they will try to have a representative from their staff at the meeting to take questions and feedback. This is your best opportunity to pose your questions directly to these officials.

After you have had a chance to ask questions and address concerns with all of these folks, we get to hear from the most important attendees of all – **YOU!** The best part is, if you are not sure which person to address your concern to, '**Resident Concerns**' provide you and your community the opportunity to put your neighborhood board to work for you! We will take your concern, address it to the proper agency, and get the information back to you.

Following resident concerns, you may choose to stay and observe the Board as we discuss motions and see presentations dealing with issues or projects in our neighborhood, as these usually will be of great interest to all of us in the community. Of course you are welcome to stay and observe the board as we conduct other business and agenda items.

Agendas, flier and other information are available at every meeting or request for your agenda to be mailed. You can also access Neighborhood Board information by going to www.honolulu.gov/nco and sign up for the email list.

YOU are the most important part of our meeting process! The Neighborhood Board meetings are not for us, they are for you! ❖

Mahalo Nui Loa,

John M. Goffner II

NB 8 Vice Chair, Outreach Committee Chair

Please Participate

Albert H. Furuto

Public Safety Committee Chair

With new board members here in McCully-Mo'ili'ili, and a new administration in City Hall, 2005 – 2007 should be a great two years! The neighborhood board is a great place to attend to community concerns.

Why are we having problems?

What solutions can we come up with?

Are today's problems a result of poor community participation?

If you don't participate, then those with personal agendas will rule. Let's get together and work on crime and traffic; and all else that affect our lives in this the community that we live in! Write or call your board members, who are also your neighbors! Participate - even become a board member!

It is not difficult, just neighbors helping neighbors.

Please join us and attend; and you will help make our community a safe and happy place to live. General meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at Lunalilo Elementary School Cafeteria. ❖

Thank You!

Albert H. Furuto

Public Safety Committee Chair

As chair of the Public Safety Committee, I welcome all community input and ideas. Please contact me at our monthly board meetings on any subject at any time.

Thank you again

DID YOU KNOW?

Our neighborhood board last month passed a resolution opposing the University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) at the University of Hawaii. The UARC would allow the Navy to contract directly with the University of Hawaii to do research.

UH-Manoa has expertise in four areas of interest to the Navy: oceanography; astronomical research; the development of optics, sensors and instruments; and electrical engineering.

Supporters of the UARC say the University will benefit from the Research Grants given by the Navy, and students and faculty would benefit from the program as a whole.

Opponents of the UARC say it gives the military "carte blanche" and would not be in the interest of the surrounding communities to have classified military research going on at UH.

Affordable Housing



Betty Lou Larson

Housing Committee Chair

Your Neighborhood Board has created a new Housing/Homelessness Committee to look at how we can work together with other groups and elected representatives on the issues of creating more affordable housing and resolving homelessness. Our Board has been a strong supporter of affordable housing for our elders, working families, etc. in our area. We now find more and more homeless sleeping in our parks, cars, etc. Homelessness has grown with rents recently skyrocketing. Also, when the homeless are swept out of parks and beaches or areas like Waikiki, they have to go somewhere, and McCully-Mo'ili'i sees more here. Currently, both in the legislature and at the City Council, there is much discussion of how to make an impact on this huge problem. This is the year to make your voices heard and support positive action. Contact the **Housing Committee Chair, Betty Lou Larson at 947-6980** for more information on our meetings, or come to the next Neighborhood Board meeting, the first Thursday of every month at King Lunalilo Elementary School Cafeteria, beginning at 7 p.m. Housing Committee meetings (when scheduled) are held at the Car-A-Van office at 1640 S. King Street. ❖

Betty Lou Larson

Housing Committee Chair

Concerned about Crime in our Community? You can make the biggest difference!

We have two active Citizens Patrols in our Neighborhood Board District. Headed by Jeb Brown and Lillian Novak (Lillian is a recent recipient of HPD's Citizen of the Year – 2005 Award!), the Citizens Patrol is a great way to get out and see your community and interact with your neighbors while making a difference!

Patrols do not apprehend or approach anyone (criminals), they only call and alert the police to report anything suspicious.

Contact the Neighborhood Assistant Rachel Glanstein at 523-4944 (and we will refer you to the appropriate patrol).

Message From the Chair....(cont. from page 1)

entryway is complete. This has been a Vision Team / Neighborhood Board project since 1999. Our community held a blessing of this park in April 2005.

HAUSTEN DITCH. Studies and surveys of owners to look at mitigating flooding, litter, odor and vermin started in 1999. Now complete, findings indicate it will cost \$6 million to fix all the problems. With the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers studying the entire Ala Wai Watershed a copy of the report was passed along to see how much federal money could be utilized for this project, in order to ease our tax burden.

PHILIPS & PUNAHOU STREETS. These now have improved street drainage, wider sidewalks and 19 trees planted on the Washington Middle School side of the street for a cooler walk to the business part of McCully. This project ran from 2000 until 2004.

Still moving forward are the following: **KUILEI / KAHUNA LANE.** Improved drainage for Nakookoo, Kahuna, Kuilei and Kahoaloha is of high priority for the safety of Prince Kuhio School students. This project is in the design stage with completion 3 – 4 years away, depending upon funds.

BINGHAM / ALEXANDER STREETS. We have asked OMPO, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, to review these on/off ramps to see if they comply with federal standards. No response has been received to date.

POTHOLES. The McCully-Mo'ili'i Neighborhood Board has asked the City to fix potholes and repave Mahiai, Lime, Citron, Date and numerous other streets. We continue to work with Councilmember Ann Kobayashi to move these projects forward.

TRAFFIC LIGHT ON THE CORNER OF KAIALIU & SOUTH BERETANIA (BY BURGER KING). This light will be installed as funds become available, sometime before 2008.

Ideas to improve our neighborhood? Want to join the Citizen's Patrol or Neighborhood Watch? Feel the need to clean a stream or help with a street clean up? We work with the Old Town Mo'ili'i Business Association, all of our schools, the Japanese Cultural Center, Mo'ili'i Community Center, McCully Library, McCully Boys & Girls Club and the Ala Wai Watershed Association.

Join us at 7 pm on the first Thursday of the month at Lunalilo School Cafeteria. Our Neighborhood Assistant can be reached 523-4944, or online at www.honolulu.gov/nco

Aloha,

Ron Lockwood

Chair, McCully-Mo'ili'i N.B. #8

➤ **ONLINE SERVICES:**

Recycling and Waste Disposal: <http://opala.org/>

➤ **City & County online services:**

<http://www.honolulu.gov/menu/government/>

Click on "I want to" and you will find a comprehensive menu of City & County online services.

Find out if a registered sex offender is living or working in your neighborhood:

<http://pahoe.hoe.ehawaii.gov/sexoff/search.jsp>

➤ **HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS**

CRIMESTOPPERS	955-8300
City Pothole Hotline	527-6006
State Pothole Hotline	536-PUKA (7852)
State Graffiti Hotline	837-8054
Homeless (CAR-A-VAN)	922-4790
24 HOUR LIQUOR HOTLINE	523-4194

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD 8

**KING LUNALILO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CAFETERIA 7PM, (FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY
MONTH)**

MAY 4, 2006	SEPTEMBER 7, 2006
JUNE 1, 2006	OCTOBER 5, 2006
JULY 1, 2006	NOVEMBER 2, 2006
AUGUST 3, 2006	DECEMBER 7, 2006*

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**LAST WEEK OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
(VARIES BY SCHOOL)**

JUNE 5-9, 2006

**FIRST DAY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
(ALL O'AHU SCHOOLS)**

JULY 27, 2006

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2006

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2006



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